Your Guide to Using

# Job Notes 2001

# **Choosing Career Paths**

Student to Parent:

"When choosing a career, which way should I go?"

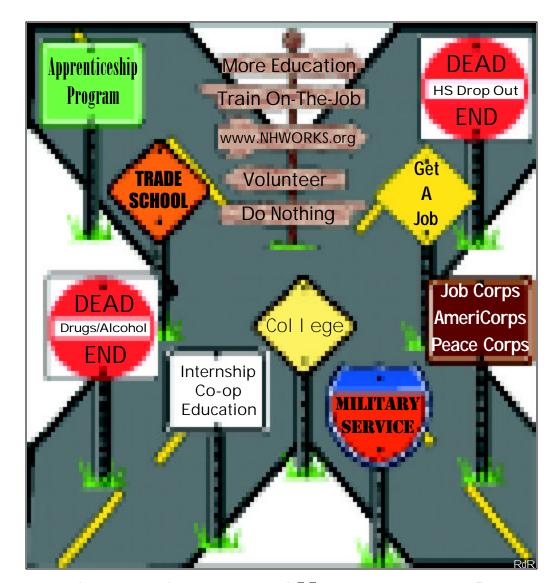
Student to Teacher:

"When choosing a career, which way should I go?"

Student to Counselor:

"When choosing a career, which way should I go?"

Parent, Teacher, and Counselor to



Student: What Direction Will You Take?



Only the student can answer the question.

But you can help with the process.

This guide has been designed to help you meet your needs as a teacher, counselor, or facilitator. The activities should help your students effectively explore the wide range of opportunities available to them.

The activities in this guide are designed to help your students incorporate the following areas into their career planning and decision-making process. How to:

- further explore their options,
- examine the labor market.
- understand their values and interests,
- assess their skills and abilities,
- understand they have options and choices available to them, and
- begin their career development research.

Use the activities in this guide to support these areas as well as to supplement your own activities. All activities may be used as presented or may be modified to better suit your needs.

The activities may be presented as they are or may be grouped together as a series especially when activities have overlapping subject matter.

Remember, Job Notes 2001 is only <u>one source</u> of information. Others should also be examined. You may also want to review various concepts such as self-assessment and skills identification prior to using some of the activities.

#### NOTE:

WHILE THIS GUIDE PROVIDES YOU WITH SOME ACTIVITIES, WE KNOW IT CAN BE EVEN MORE COMPLETE WITH YOUR INPUT.

HELP US MAKE NEXT YEAR'S GUIDE EVEN MORE COMPLETE. PLEASE SEND US YOUR CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES.

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#### **CREDITS**

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How To Learn About Careers (A Quick Reference Guide)

If you are thinking about starting a career or finding a new one, you will want to research your options. Here are several ways to learn about occupations that interest you.

Identify people working in these careers and talk with them.

Research these careers in books and other reference materials that can be found in:

- Job Centers
- Public Libraries
- NH One-Stop Career Centers
- School and College Libraries
- Guidance Offices
- Internet Web Sites

Write to professional associations for more information. Names and addresses can be found in:

- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- The Complete Guide for Occupational Exploration

You can also use labor market information available from the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau in career exploration and decision making.

Keep Job Notes handy, and refer to it often.

Visit work sites.

Find a related part-time job or volunteer opportunity.

For each occupation, find the following information:

- a brief description of the occupation and its daily tasks
- education/training required
- skills/interests required
- starting salary/salary range/benefits
- typical working hours
- tools/materials/machines used
- work environment(s)
- career ladder (opportunities for advancement)
- related occupations
- where to get more information

You can start by using The Career Table on page 11 of Job Notes 2001.

#### Crossword Puzzle

Use this puzzle to help individuals start thinking about careers and the vast array of occupations available to them.

Outcomes: Generate interest in exploration of career options and identifying Job Notes 2001 and The Career Planning Table as excellent resources.

Competency II of National Career Development Guidelines: Skills to interact positively with others. NHCG&CP: Individuals will also be able to demonstrate confidence in their ability to express their opinions on topics they are knowledgeable in.

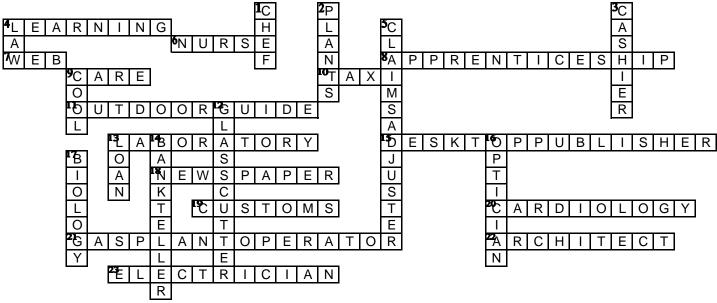
NCDG Competency VI: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information; NHCG&CP: various.

Preparation: Activity will probably work best after being introduced to the Planning Table and some of the articles, however it can be done anytime. Using the crossword activity as your master, copy enough for your group. You may also copy enough of the master answer sheet as you need or use it to prepare an overhead or slide.

Hand out the crossword puzzle and have each person complete it. Teams could also work together to complete the puzzle. You could have this be a timed activity with the winner (person with most correct answers) receiving some small prize. This activity familiarizes participants with Job Notes and The Career Planning Table.

Debrief activity with a group discussion.

How did it go?
What did they discover/learn?
What surprises (if any) were there?
Was finding answers easy?
Why/Why not



#### ACROSS (Number of words in answer shown in parens)

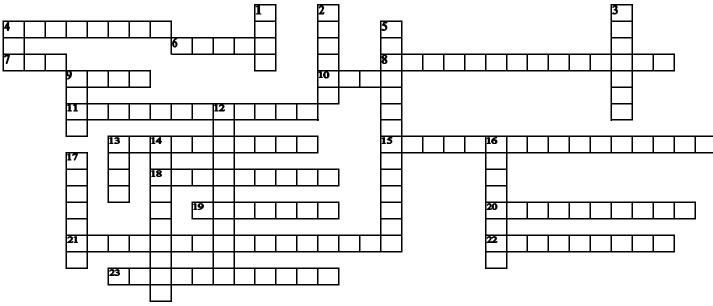
- 4 What must remain constant throughout your whole lifetime? (LEARNING)
- 7 You can do a lot of (#1's answer) when you use this appropriately.(WEB)
- 6 In the health care field, you need a license to be one in NH.(NURSE)
- 8 You can receive on-the-job training through the (APPRENTICESHIP) program.
- 9 As a home health aide, you will provide (CARE) for your clients.
- 10 Before becoming a chauffeur, you might spend a lot of time in this.(TAXI)
- 11 A strong interest in nature and activity may move you toward becoming a type of recreation worker known as (OUTDOOR GUIDE).
- 13 As a dental technician, you will spend a lot of time in a (LABORATORY).
- 15 This occupation we know as (DESKTOP PUBLISHER) is called Electronic Pagination System Operator in The Career Planning Table.
- 18 A local medium where you will find jobs available.(NEWSPAPER)
- 19 Working as a (CUSTOMS) inspector, you can be considered our first line of defense.
- 20 You will conduct tests on pulmonary systems as a (CARDIOLOGY) Technologist.
- 21 To be in this occupation, you must be mechanically inclined, conscientious, and safety-minded because you will be dealing with highly flammable and toxic substances.

#### (GAS PLANT OPERATOR)

- 22 If you enjoy planning and designing things and are investigative, artistic, and enterprising, you may want to become a (ARCHITECT).
- 23 You will deal with wires, fixtures, and control devices when working as an (ELECTRICIAN).

#### **DOWN** (Number of words in answer shown in parens)

- 1 Working as a cook is an excellent step toward becoming a (CHEF).
- 2 A horticulturist works with these all the time.(PLANTS)
- 3 One responsibility you will have as a (CASHIER) will likely be to process credit card transactions.
- 4 To become a court officer, your studies should probably focus on (LAW).
- 5 If you become a (CLAIMS ADJUSTER), you will investigate insurance claims.
- 9 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics have a (COOL) job.
- 12 This occupation deals with sharp materials.(GLASS CUTTER)
- 13 As a (LOAN) Officer, you will give financial advice and will have earned a bachelor degree.
- 14 If you choose this as your career, you will experience frequent withdrawals.(BANK TELLER)
- 16 See to it that you get a NH license or you can't practice as an (OPTICIAN).
- 17 To be a conservation officer, you should have taken courses in (BIOLOGY).



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#### Explore Options – Mix 'n' Match

Use this activity to help individuals learn about occupation titles and descriptions/definitions and develop a better understanding of work fields (Interest Area). It asks individuals to match occupation titles to their descriptions and fields of work using Job Notes 2001 and The Career Planning Table.

Outcomes: A better understanding of the variety of occupations out there and available. Participants should also be able to begin to explain advantages of focusing on different sectors or work fields rather than one single occupation.

Competency II of National Career Development Guidelines: Skills to interact positively with others. NHCG&CP: Individuals will also be able to demonstrate confidence in their ability to express their opinions on topics they are knowledgeable in.

Competency IV, National Career Development Guidelines: demonstrating how to apply academic and vocational skills toward achieving personal goals.

NHCG&CP: Define personal interests, aptitudes, and qualifications required for careers in which participants are interested.

NCDG Competency VI: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information; NHCG&CP: Describe educational requirements of various occupations.

Preparation: Be sure each person has copy of Job Notes and the Career Planning Table. Also, using the worksheet master, copy enough for your group. You may also want to prepare an overhead or slide to aid in your follow-up group discussion.

Hand out the worksheet and have each participant complete it. Explain they are to match the occupation title to its proper description and identify the field of work it fits into. Point out to your group that occupation titles might be different than they appear in the planning table (see answer sheet). You could have this be a timed activity with the winner (person with most correct answers) receiving some small prize. This activity familiarizes participants with Job Notes and The Career Planning Table.

NOTE: Fields of Work (Interests) - Identified in the Career Planning Table as an Icon to the far right of each occupation's description. The Key for these Icons is located on the bottom right of the first page in a box entitled "Basic Skills and Interests".

Debrief activity with a group discussion.

How did it go?

What advantages are there to group occupations into work fields?

What did they discover/learn?

What surprises (if any) were there?

Was finding answers easy? Why/Why not

What occupations would anyone like to know more about?

Refer them to the Occupational Outlook Guide (Guidance Office should have one.) or the following Internet sites: <a href="http://www.nhes.state.nh.us/lmipage.htm">http://www.nhes.state.nh.us/lmipage.htm</a>; <a href="http://nhetwork.nhes.state.nh.us/nhetwork/">http://nhetwork.nhes.state.nh.us/nhetwork/</a>

#### Explore Options - Mix 'n' Match (Worksheet)

Match the following occupation to their definitions & identify the field of work (Interest Area) to which they belong.

Field of Work (Interest)	Occupation (OES Code)	Definition
	_ 1) Foundry Worker (91914)	Controls a process for treating water/liquid waste.
	2) Veterinary Inspector (32114)	Examines business issues impacting computer application
	3) Medical Records Technician (32911)	Reviews and evaluates insurance applications.
	4) Brickmason (87302)	Prepares molds for pouring.
	5) Buyer (21302)	Authorizes and controls aircraft movement for safety.
	6) Electronics Repairer (85717)	Insures quality of facilities and service.
	7) Wastewater Treatment Plant Oper (95002	Helps to build bridges, water systems, roadways, etc.
	8) Editor (34002)	Provides advice on cancellations, new issues, etc.
	9) Corrective Therapy Assistant (66017)	Provides technical assistance/training to system users.
	_ 10) Desktop Publisher (89707)	Oversees operation and helps get publication to market.
	_ 11) Social Worker (27305)	Constructs/repairs structures w/tile, concrete, etc.
	_ 12) Insurance Agent Recruiter (21505)	Purchases materials and products for resale.
	_ 13) Civil Engineer (22121)	Diagnose and treats animals.
	_ 14) Maitre d'hotel (65002)	Repairs equip such as radar, transmitters, missile
	_ 15) Computer Support Specialist (25104)	control systems, telemetering, etc.  Compiles/maintains records of hospital/clinic patients
	_ 16) Insurance Underwriter (21102)	Administers therapy such as massage, traction, etc.
	_ 17) Special Events Coordinator (27311)	Works with individuals, families, and groups.
	_ 18) Systems Analyst (25102)	Develops computer generated publication pages.
	_ 19) Air Traffic Controller (39002)	Coordinates sports shows, hiking trips, etc.
	20) Detective/Investigator (63035)	Detects theft, shoplifting, and other unlawful practices
Fields of Work	(Interest Areas):	
<ul><li>2) Science, Math</li><li>3) Business Deta</li><li>4) Plants and An</li><li>5) Mechanics, In</li><li>6) Law, Enforcer</li></ul>		8) Transportation 9) Industrial Production 10) Sales and Marketing 11) Recreation, Travel, and Personal Services 12) Education and Social Services 13) General Management and Support 14) Medical and Health Services

#### Explore Options - Mix 'n' Match (Answer Sheet)

Match the following occupation to their description & identify the field (Interest Area) of work to which they belong.

Field of Work (Interest)	Occupation (OES Code)  *(Occ title as it appears in planning table if different.)	Brief Description
Industrial Production	1) Foundry Worker (91914)	#7 Controls a process for treating water/liquid waste.
Plants & Animals	2) Veterinary Inspector (32114) (Veterinarian/Veterinary Inspector)	#18 Examines business issues impacting computer applications.
Business Detail	3) Medical Records Technician (32911)	#16 Reviews and evaluates insurance applications.
Const, Mining & Drilling	_ 4) Brickmason (87302)	#1 Prepares molds for pouring.
General Mgt & Support	_ 5) Buyer (21302) (Wholesale and Retail Buyer)	#19 Authorizes and controls aircraft movement to ensure safety.
Mechs, Installers, Repairers	6) Electronics Repairer (85717) (Electronics Repairers, Comm. & Industrial	#14 Insures quality of facilities and service.
Industrial Production		2) #13 Helps to build bridges, water systems, roadways, etc.
Arts, Entertainment & Media	8) Editor (34002) (Writers and Editors)	#12 Provides advice on cancellations, new issues, etc.
Medical & Health Services	P) Corrective Therapy Assistant (66017)     (Physical and Corrective Therapy Asst)	#15 Provides technical assistance/training to system users.
Arts, Entertainment & Media	_ 10) Desktop Publisher (89707)  (Electronic Pagination Sys Operator)	#8 Oversees operation and helps get publication to market.
Education & Soc Services	11) Social Worker (27305) (Soc Worker, Except Medical and Pshychia	#4 Constructs/repairs structures w/tile, concrete, etc.
Sales & Marketing	12) Insurance Agent Recruiter (21505)     (Special Agents, Insurance)	#5 Purchases materials and products for resale.
Science, Math & Enginr'g	_ 13) Civil Engineer (22121)	#2 Diagnose and treats animals.
Rec, Travel, & Personal Servs	_ 14) Maitre d'hotel (65002) (Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge,	#6 Repairs equip such as radar, transmitters, , or) missile control, telemetering, etc
Science, Math & Enginr'g	_ 15) Computer Support Specialist (25104)	#3 Compiles/maintains records of hospital/clinic patients
General Mgt & Support	_ 16) Insurance Underwriter (21102)	#9 Administers therapy such as massage, traction, etc.
Rec, Travel, & Personal Servs	_ 17) Special Events Coordinator (27311) (Recreation Worker)	#11 Works with individuals, families, and groups.
Science, Math & Enginr'g	_ 18) Systems Analyst (25102) (Sys Analyst, Electronic Data Processing)	#10 Develops computer generated publication pages.
Transportation	19) Air Traffic Controller (39002)	#17 Coordinates sports shows, hiking trips, etc.
Law & Pub Safety	_ 20) Detective/Investigator (63035)	#20 Detects theft, shoplifting, and other unlawful practices
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#### Explore Options - Mix 'n' Match (Worksheet)

8) Architecture & Construction

Match the following occupation to their definitions & identify the field of work to which they belong.

Field of Work	Occupation (OES Code)	Definition
	1) Foundry Worker (91914)	Controls a process for treating water/liquid waste.
	2) Veterinary Inspector (32114)	Examines business issues impacting computer application
	3) Lawn Service Manager (15032)	Reviews and evaluates insurance applications.
	4) Brickmason (87302)	Prepares molds for pouring.
	5) Buyer (21302)	Authorizes and controls aircraft movement for safety.
	6) Claims Examiner (53302)	Insures quality of facilities and service.
	7) Wastewater Treatment Plant Oper (95002	Helps to build bridges, water systems, roadways, etc.
	8) Editor (34002)	Provides group and individual guidance services.
	9) Corrective Therapy Assistant (66017)	Provides technical assistance/training to system users.
	10) Desktop Publisher (89707)	Oversees operation and helps get publication to market.
	11) Social Worker (27305)	Constructs/repairs structures w/tile, concrete, etc.
	12) Counselor (31514)	Purchases materials and products for resale.
	13) Civil Engineer (22121)	Diagnose and treats animals.
	14) Maitre d'hotel (65002)	Investigates, analyzes & checks liability to settle claims.
	15) Computer Support Specialist (25104)	Directs workers who prune trees, cultivate lawns, etc.
	16) Insurance Underwriter (21102)	Administers therapy such as massage, traction, etc.
	17) Special Events Coordinator (27311)	Works with individuals, families, and groups.
	18) Systems Analyst (25102)	Develops computer generated publication pages.
	19) Air Traffic Controller (39002)	Coordinates sports shows, hiking trips, etc.
	20) Detective/Investigator (63035)	Detects theft, shoplifting, and other unlawful practices
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2) Health Science 3) Business & Adi	e ministration hnology & Communications & Engineering 3	10) Education & Training 11) Finance 12) Government & Public Administration 13) Information Technology 14) Human Services 15) Law & Public Safety

16) Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

#### Explore Options - Mix 'n' Match (Answer Sheet)

Match the following occupation to their description & identify the field of work (*cluster*) to which they belong.

Field of Work (Cluster)	Occupation (OES Code)  *(Occ title as it appears in planning table if different.)	Brief Description
Manufacturing	1) Foundry Worker (91914)	#7 Controls a process for treating water/liquid waste.
Health Science	2) Veterinary Inspector (32114) (Veterinarian/Veterinary Inspector)	#18 Examines business issues impacting computer applications.
Agriculture & Nat Resources	, , , , ,	#16 Reviews and evaluates insurance applications.
Architec & Construction	4) Brickmason (87302)	#1 Prepares molds for pouring.
Ret/Whol Sales/Serv	5) Buyer (21302) (Wholesale and Retail Buyer)	#19 Authorizes and controls aircraft movement to ensure safety.
Finance	6) Claims Examiner (53302) (Insurance Adjuster, Examiner, and Investi	<u>#14</u> Insures quality of facilities and service.
Govt & Public Admin		2) <u>#13</u> Helps to build bridges, water systems, roadways, etc.
Arts, A / V Tech & Comm	8) Editor (34002) (Writers and Editors)	#12 Provides group and individual guidance services.
Health Science	9) Corrective Therapy Assistant (66017) (Physical and Corrective Therapy Asst)	#15 Provides technical assistance/training to system users.
Information Technology	10) Desktop Publisher (89707) (Electronic Pagination Sys Operator)	#8 Oversees operation and helps get publication to market.
Human Services	11) Social Worker (27305) (Soc Worker, Except Medical and Pshychia	#4 Constructs/repairs structures w/tile, concrete, etc.
Education & Training	12) Counselor (31514) (Vocational & Educational Counselor)	#5 Purchases materials and products for resale.
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Hospitality & Tourism	_ 14) Maitre d'hotel (65002) (Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge,	#6 Investigates, analyzes & checks liability to settle claims.
Information Technology	15) Computer Support Specialist (25104)	#3 Directs workers who prune trees, cultivate lawns, etc.
Business & Admin	16) Insurance Underwriter (21102)	#9 Administers therapy such as massage, traction, etc.
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3) Business & Administration		11) Finance
4) Arts, A / V Technology & C		12) Government & Public Administration
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7) Hospitality & Tourism		15) Law & Public Safety
8) Architecture & Construction	on	16) Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

#### Transferable Skills

Use this activity to help individuals explore and learn about their skills and how they might apply to their own career development.

Outcomes: Participants will have a better knowledge and understanding of the variety of transferable skills and their own strengths and weaknesses as well as avenues for improving on them.

Competency I, National Career Development Guidelines (NCDG): Understanding the influence of a positive self-concept by identifying and appreciating personal interests, abilities, and skills. New Hampshire Career Guidance & Counseling Program (NHCG&CP): Being able to identify and describe their strengths and abilities as they relate to other activities.

Competency II of National Career Development Guidelines: Skills to interact positively with others. NHCG&CP: Individuals will also be able to demonstrate confidence in their ability to express their opinions on topics they are knowledgeable in.

Competency IV, National Career Development Guidelines: demonstrating how to apply academic and vocational skills toward achieving personal goals; further demonstrating transferable skills that can apply to a variety of occupational requirements. NHCG&CP: Define personal interests, aptitudes, and qualifications required for careers in which participants are interested.

NCDG Competency VI: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information; NHCG&CP: Describe educational requirements of various occupations.

Pre-work: Have your group read from the following articles in Job Notes 2001.(Be sure you select one not yet assigned.)

Your Future Has Begin Page 3
What Should I Do Page 4
What Do You See Page 5

Preparation: Be sure each individual has their copy of Job Notes 2001, page 28 or, using the master, copy enough for your group. If using the worksheet right out of the newspaper, ask them to slide it over page 29 so the Skills, Skills, Skills list will not be available to them until after they are done. The Skills, Skills, Skills list is also provided as a master for your use. You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to aid in your follow-up group discussion.

Prior to having participants complete the worksheet, have a brief discussion about work skills required in today's environment. Explain that everybody has strengths and weaknesses. Emphasize it is important for all of us to first recognize that we all have both strong points AND weak points. Once we do, we will be in a much better place for understanding what we're good at (thus don't need as much help) and what we're not as good at, and will need some help with (NOT A CRIME!).

#### IMPORTANT:

The most successful people in this world recognize they ARE NOT the expert in every subject so they get help from others when they need it.

At this point, it would aid the participant's understanding to give an example of one of your past (or current) weaknesses and what was done to improve upon it.

Hand out the worksheet or have participants open Job Notes 2001 to page 28 (remembering to have them hide Skills, Skills, Skills on page 29) and have each person complete the worksheet explaining that the list you are passing out contains vital working skills. Ask them to read each skill carefully and circle S if they feel they are strong in that skill area or circle N if they're not so strong in that area and need to work on it. This is not a test and they will not be graded. It will just provide them with valuable information for making more informed decisions and choices in the journey toward developing their career. They should look to page 29 for the Skills, Skills, Skills list once they have completed the worksheet. (Remember, this list is also provided as a master for you to copy if necessary.)

Debrief activity with a group discussion.

How did it go?

What did they discover/learn?

What surprises (if any) were there?

Why is it important to know these? Or isn't it?

#### **Transferable Skills**

Everybody has STRENGTHS and WEAKNESSES. What is important is to first recognize that. Once you do, you'll be in a much better place for understanding what you're good at (thus don't need as much help) and what you're not as good at, so you WILL need some help (NOT A CRIME!).

The most successful people in this world recognize they ARE NOT the expert in every subject so they get help from others when they need it.

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until you have finished.		Priority
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Congratulations, these are your three strongest strengths. You'll want to always improve on them, but these don't need immediate attention.

You might want to put a little extra effort into all the remaining skills, especially those with an N. See listing entitled Skills, Skills-How Do I...? The list will help you with ideas on how to strengthen and build on those transferable skills.

You don't want to lose sight of everything in between. All of these skills will come in handy at some point or another in your future. So, try coming back to this list and do it again later.

Source: Rhode Island Career Anchor, 2000

#### Skills, Skills - How Do I...?

How do I get skilled in: By: Courses/Activities that could help: Communication? giving class presentations, reading articles and English/Creative Writing, languages, History, books, writing essays, writing short stories and poetry Art, student council, school newspaper, yearbook, debating club Teamwork? getting along with your friends, working with Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Music, clubs, student council, team sports, others on projects. band Time Management? doing homework, meeting project deadlines, All courses/activities including: English scheduling your day, getting to school/class Math, Science, school newspaper, school & on time. community clubs Problem-solving? analyzing information, understanding the problem, Science, Math, Business, Social defining the problem, exploring solutions, Studies, student council applying the results. Organization? taking notes, following written and oral Balancing free time, study time, and intsructions, keeping binders of information, extracurricular activities, school following a schedule, setting priorities newspaper, other school clubs Learning? asking questions, reading information, using All courses & activities including: the library, researching information, joining Physical Education, clubs and teams, activities and clubs, trying new things, student council meeting new people Computer? learning how to keyboard(type), learning Math, Science, Business word processing and database software, learning about e-mail and the internet Listening? attending classes, going to lectures, taking notes, All courses & activities including: visualizing what you hear, comprehending Art, Science, Drama, Math, Music information Creativity? learning how others have been creative, using English, languages, Art, Music, Science, your imagination, trying new ways of doing Drama, band things, looking at issues from different points of view

leading projects, being on sports teams,

volunteering as a peer helper (tutor)

Team sports, school & community clubs,

peer counseling programs

Leadership?

Transferable Skills (Follow-up Team Activity)

Use this activity to help individuals further explore and learn about their skills and how they might apply to their own career development.

Outcomes: Participants will have a better knowledge and understanding of the variety of transferable skills and their own strengths and weaknesses as well as avenues for improving on them. They will also be able to list and compare several occupations and the basic skills each requires.

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Competency II of National Career Development Guidelines: Skills to interact positively with others. NHCG&CP: Individuals will also be able to demonstrate confidence in their ability to express their opinions on topics they are knowledgeable in.

Competency IV, National Career Development Guidelines: demonstrating how to apply academic and vocational skills toward achieving personal goals. NHCG&CP: Define personal interests, aptitudes, and qualifications required for careers in which participants are interested. NCDG Competency VI: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information; NHCG&CP: Describe educational requirements of various occupations.

Preparation: Be sure each individual has a blank copy of the Transferable Skills worksheet from Job Notes 2001, page 28 (they may use their completed copy if they do not mind sharing their strengths/weaknesses although it is not necessary for this activity). You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to make a brief summary of what participants have learned about transferable skills and to aid in a follow-up group discussion.

Prior to having participants break into teams, have a brief review of the work skills required in today's environment. Remind them that they each have strengths and weaknesses and it is important for all of us to first recognize that we all have both strong points AND weak points. Once we do, we will be in a much better place for understanding what we're good at (thus don't need as much help) and what we're not as good at, and will need some help with (NOT A CRIME!).

REMINDER: The most successful people in this world recognize they ARE NOT the expert in every subject

so they get help from others when they need it.

Break the large group up into smaller teams and explain that each group will be responsible for two or more of each transferable skill (Group the skills based on the size of your group). In their team they are to find as many occupations as they can that require the skills they are responsible for. (The Skills, Skills, Skills list is also provided as a master for your use and can be used if needed for the group.) You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to aid in your follow-up group discussion. While the teams should use Job Notes as a main source of information, they should not be limited to it. You should time the activity based on your own allotment of time. The team that presents the most occupations (with ALL data required) wins (you should try to provide some form of prize if possible).

They will need to make a brief report to the larger group of their findings. Each team should report as a minimum:

Occupation
Basic Skill(s) required
How skill relates to occupation/Why
At least one way skill can be gained
Education Required
Other

Debrief activity with a group discussion (may do this while each team makes its report).

How did it go?
What did they discover/learn?
What surprises (if any) were there?
Why is it important to know these? Or isn't it?

#### **Transferable Skills**

(Team Activity)

Review: Everybody has STRENGTHS and WEAKNESSES. What is important is to first recognize that. Once you do, you'll be in a much better place for understanding what you're good at (thus don't need as much help) and what you're not as good at, so you WILL need some help (NOT A CRIME!).

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The following list contains vital working skills. Read each skill carefully and determine what occupations might require it.

#### COMMUNICATION

Need to present information well when writing or speaking.

#### **TEAMWORK**

Necessary to be cooperative, appreciate other people's ideas, and know how to work towards achieving the goals of the group. Be friendly and think positively.

#### TIME MANAGEMENT

Good at scheduling work and setting goals. Get papers and projects in on time.

#### PROBLEM SOLVING

Enjoy defining problems and figuring out solutions.

#### **ORGANIZATION**

Orderlyness. Manages school/work and personal life and always plans ahead.

#### LEARNING

Curious and want to know something, can figure out how to research the information.

#### **COMPUTER**

Can work on a computer and use software programs such as word processors, spreadsheets, and databases, and perform searches on the internet.

#### LISTENING

Follows directions well and understands what other people say.

#### **CREATIVITY**

Think up new ideas and new ways to meet goals.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Is positive and knows how to motivate people to meet goals and can assign and coordinate projects.

#### **PLANNING**

Can identify short- and long-term goals and devise action plans to achieve those goals.

Use this activity to help individuals gather occupational information. This will help them further explore and learn about their skills as they relate to a specific occupation and how they might apply to their own career development.

Outcomes: Participants will explore a job that interests them by job shadowing a professional on the job, gaining a better knowledge and understanding of the techniques for job shadowing.

Competency I, National Career Development Guidelines (NCDG): Understanding the influence of a positive self-concept by demonstrating an understanding of how individual characteristics relate to achieving personal, social, educational, and career goals.

Competency VI, NCDG: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information by identifying individuals in selected occupations as possible information resources, role models, or mentors; NHCG&CP: Describe educational requirements of various occupations.

Pre-work: Have your group read sections from the following articles in Job Notes 2001.(If you have already assigned these previously, tell them this will be a good review.)

Your Future Has Begin, Choose Your Path section Page 3
Career Planning...Where Do I Begin, Personal Contacts paragraph Page 4
Article: Time To Start Thinking About A Career? Page 27

Preparation: Be sure each individual has their copy of Job Notes 2001 for reading the articles as well as to help select an occupation(s) to shadow from the Career Planning Table. The What's of Interest To You and/or Transferable Skills activities are suggested prerequisites to this activity. Having an understanding of their interests will aid participants in selecting a job(s) that they can shadow. If already completed, you should briefly review.

The Skills, Skills list from page 29 of Job Notes could also be reviewed to aid participants in their job shadow interview. You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to aid in your follow-up group discussion.

Conduct an open discussion with participants to overview job shadowing. (Asking the group what the assigned articles have to do with job shadowing can be a good starter.)

Explain that most of them probably know what their interests (likes/dislikes) are. Ask them if they can match those with a career. Some will likely already know what they want to do.

Once they know what job/career they want ask them how they can find out if they really would like doing that job. Responses will likely include things like: Job Notes, research, library, actually do the job Ask if anyone knows or has heard of job shadowing.

Ask participant to tell group what it is or briefly explain what it is

#### Points to make:

Job Shadowing is just what it says. YOU become someone's shadow for a day, half-day, few hours, or what is available/prearranged.

You will spend time with someone in a job of your liking, your interested in.

As you observe what they do you are actually experiencing a little of what it is like to have that job.

Explain to participants that this is one of the best ways, short of actually having the job, of getting a good idea of what your career choice is all about.

At this point, it would aid the participant's understanding to give an example of someone who has had a job shadow experience and how it went.

Conduct a discussion about what can be learned in a job shadow experience.

(See Job Shadow Questions master. You may want to make an overhead/slide to use during your discussion.)

Now that the participants have a good idea about what it is, talk about how they select a job shadow candidate and where to find information.

Career Planning Table-Their interests/transferable skills can help them decide.

List of alumni from the school, local Chamber of Commerce, Yellow Pages,

Participants can also go to <a href="http://nhetwork.nhes.state.nh.us/nhetwork/">http://nhetwork.nhes.state.nh.us/nhetwork/</a> on the internet to find a specific local employer that is in their area of interest.

Friends, family, teacher, guidance counselor/advisor

### Job Shadow Questi onnai re

Directions: Use questionnaire to help you in your interview. It will direct you to the information you want to know. Begin your job shadow with introductions.

QU	TESTIONS:
1.	What do you actually do on a daily basis?
2.	What skills do you need to do this job (use most frequently)?
3.	Why did you choose this career?
4.	a. What things (tasks/duties/responsibilities) do you like the most about what you do?  b. What things (tasks/duties/responsibilities) do you like the least about what you do?
5.	What high school courses were most useful to you for this career?
6.	What courses/training have you had? Any more useful than others?
7.	What path did you follow to be in this career/job? (ie: college, military, tech school, apprenticeship, on-the-job training, etc)
8.	What kind of lifestyle is associated with doing what you do? (ie: overtime, evenings, weekends, travel, layoffs, part-time, full-time)

ç	).	Does the salary support the kind of lifestyle you want?
1	0.	What are the chances for advancement in this position?
1	1.	What are the physical requirements of the job?
1	2.	How much of your job requires that you work with a computer in some form/fashion? Could you explain how?
1	.3.	Do you work with machines, people, or both?
1	4.	What is the most important thing you have learned in this job?
1	5. \	What advice can you give me to ensure my success in this career field?
		overall reactions to the shadow experience here: (What did you learn about yourself regarding the career? How does it our interests, skills, values, etc? What are your next steps?)

At this point, you'll want to assign the activity and pass out the Job Shadow Questions worksheet. Explain they have a certain period of time to accomplish the shadow experience and complete the worksheet. Once they have completed the worksheet, they should write up a brief report of their experience using the worksheet to work from. Give participants a few minutes to look over the questionnaire then answer any questions they might have.

If time allows you may also want to have all participants go to *Job Notes*, page 26, and read the article *So, What Do You Say When The Interviewer Asks*, "*Do You Have Any Questions?*" While the individual that participants will be shadowing is not an interviewer, most of the questions are relevant to a job shadowing experience. Have a brief discussion pointing out those questions that could be useful in addition to those on the questionnaire.

A thank-you letter should also be written. This provides an excellent opportunity for a discussion of writing skills.

In lieu of passing in the completed papers you could debrief activity with a group discussion. You may have participants use the questionnaire worksheet to refer to during this discussion.

How did it go? What did they discover/learn? What surprises (if any) were there? Why is it important to know these? This activity is very much like the job shadowing activity except here, the students role play versus actually going to a job site. This could be used as a practice for the real thing. As in the real shadow activity, this activity will help individuals gather information about a particular occupation. This will help them further explore and learn about their skills as they relate to a specific occupation and how they might apply to their own career development.

Outcomes: Participants will practice job shadowing and explore an occupation by participating in a role play job shadowing of a professional on the job, gaining a better knowledge and understanding of the techniques for job shadowing.

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Pre-work: Have your group read any one article from the following articles in Job Notes 2001.(If you have already assigned these previously, they should select one not already read. If all have been read, they should re-read one as a review.)

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Now that the participants have a good idea about what it is, talk about how (in a real situation) they could select a job shadow candidate and where to find information.

Career Planning Table-Their interests/transferable skills can help them decide. (USE FOR THIS ACTIVITY.)

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Friends, family, teacher, guidance counselor/advisor

At this point, you'll want to assign the activity.

Half of your student group will need to select certain careers of interest-chosen from the career table Then they will need to do a Job Shadow role play with the person(student) who has their career and interview them.

Then write a list of questions to be asked of the ones playing the role of a certain profession. (Could also just select ten questions from the questions used in the Job Shadowing Activity.)

The other half of your group of students will play the part of one of the careers chosen above. Each student will need to prepare to be interviewed by knowing as much about the career as possible. Sources for information include Job Notes, Career Planning Table in Job Notes, Occupational Outlook Handbook, etc.

They will need to be prepared to be interviewed about that career.

Explain they have a certain period of time to accomplish the shadow experience and complete the questions worksheet.

Once all interviews are completed, have students reverse roles and conduct another role play.

Debrief activity with a group discussion. You may have participants use the questionnaire worksheet to refer to during this discussion. (Could debrief after each half of group is done.)

How did it go? What did they discover/learn? What surprises (if any) were there? Why is it important to know these?

## Job Shadow (rol e pl ay) Questi onnai re

Directions: Use questionnaire to help you in your interview. It will direct you to the information you want to know. Begin your job shadow with introductions.

QU	ESTIONS:
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2.	What skills do you need to do this job (use most frequently)?
3.	Why did you choose this career?
1.	<ul><li>a. What things (tasks/duties/responsibilities) do you like the most about what you do?</li><li>b. What things (tasks/duties/responsibilities) do you like the least about what you do?</li></ul>
5.	What high school courses were most useful to you for this career?
5.	What courses/training have you had? Any more useful than others?
7.	What path did you follow to be in this career/job? (ie: college, military, tech school, apprenticeship, on-the-job training, etc)
3.	What kind of lifestyle is associated with doing what you do? (ie: overtime, evenings, weekends, travel, layoffs,

part-time, full-time)

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Use this activity to help individuals explore and learn about a particular occupation(s).

Outcomes: Participants will have a better knowledge and understanding of the many facets associated with occupations.

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Pre-work: Assign the article *Personality: What Type Are You?* just prior to conducting this activity.

Preparation: Be sure each individual has their copy of Job Notes 2001 with the Career Planning Table to refer to. Using the attached Career List, you may either assign careers for each team to research or let them select. (Separate answer sheet provided although Job Notes can be used for answers if you select careers other than those on the list provided.) You may also prepare a separate list of careers or have them use the Career Planning Table to select from. Have only one team per occupation(s). You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to aid in a follow-up group discussion.

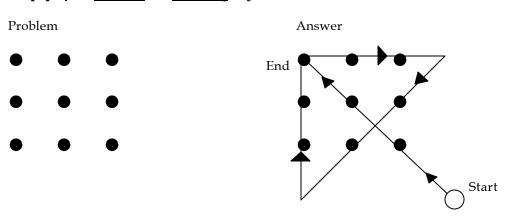
As in the Reasons for Having an Occupation activity, you may want to first stimulate brainstorming.

If not used previously,

you may pre-assign the What Do You See article on page 5 or simply show an overhead/slide with the picture (see What Do You See overhead/ slide master) and find out what they see. Briefly discuss.

(or)

you may ask the teams to do the Nine Dots exercise. Supply "teams" with a sheet of paper with the nine dots and ask them to complete as a group. **Using a pencil, they must connect all nine dots using only <u>four straight lines without</u> ever <u>lifting</u> the <u>pencil</u> from the paper and without ever retracing any line.** 



Another type of brainstorming activity is to show them a big "number" on a sheet of paper and ask them what it is. See the 6 or 9 activity master. Depending on what an individual's perspective is, they will tend to see things differently even when presented with the exact same thing. In this case, some participants will likely see a 6 right away and others will see a 9 right away. Most will quickly realize it could be either, but some may not. This highlights the need to look at things from many different angles (perspectives). (You will want to try to lay this down on the floor in such a way as half your group will be on one side and the other half on the other side.)

Break the large group up into smaller teams and explain that each group will be responsible for researching as much about the occupation(s) as they can. If you have a very large group, you may only want to assign one occupation per team. If you have a small group, you may want to assign two or more occupations per team. Each team will find a lot of information within the pages of Job Notes only but are not confined to the newspaper for their research. They could also refer to the Occupational Outlook Handbook 2000-2001 if available (possibly in guidance). This activity may well require more than one period so you will want to time the activity based on your own allotment of time. The team that presents the most information wins (you should try to provide some form of prize if possible).

They will need to make a brief report to the larger group of their findings. As a minimum, each team should report:

Occupation Title
Occupation description
Average annual salary
Education required
Job Outlook
Basic Skills Required\*
Holland Interest Profile and what it means
# of team members who might fit this profile
thereby possibly do well in this occupation
Is occupation growth rising/falling?
Two additional facts (teams should include at least two more pieces of information about each occupation)

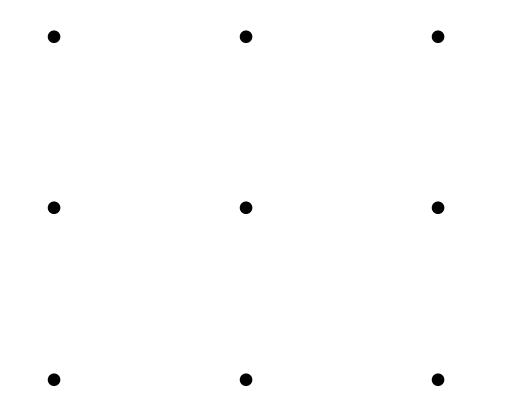
Debrief during and/or after team reporting

How did it go?
What did they discover/learn?
Did they discover anything unique?
What surprises (if any) were there?
Why is it important to know this information?
Ask about additional facts as necessary.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Some occupations might not indicate a skill/skills due to statistical cutoff of level of importance required to be included in the table. Level of importance used is as determined by O\*NET, the Occupational Information Network, which is a comprehensive database of worker attributes and job characteristics. It replaces the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) as the nation's primary source of occupational information. For a wealth of additional information, visit the O\*Net web site at <a href="http://www.onetcenter.org/">http://www.onetcenter.org/</a>

# 9 DOTS

Using a pen/pencil, connect <u>all</u> nine dots using only four straight lines <u>without ever lifting the pencil</u> from the paper and <u>without ever retracing</u> any line.



NOTE: Some occupational titles not listed in Career Table as what we might commonly know them as. Is shown here in italics as it appears in table. (Depending on your group, you may/may not want to give them the actual title.)

Accountant

Air Traffic Controller

Aircraft Mechanic

Attorney (Lawyer)

Baker

Barber (Hairdresser & Cosmetologist))

**Biological Scientist** 

Brickmason

Butcher (Butcher and Meat Cutter)

Business Analyst (Management Analyst)

Cashier

Computer Support Specialist

Cook

Database Administrator

Desktop Publisher (Electronic Pagination System Operator)

Dietician

Doctor (Physicians and Surgeons)

Editor (Writer and Editor)

Electrician

EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)

Engineering Manager (Engineering, Math, & Natural Science Manager)

Geophysicist (Geologist, Geophysicist, and Oceanographer)

**Instructional Coordinator** 

Landscaper (Laborer)

Loan Officer

Manager, Administrative Service

Pharmacist

Photographer

Physicians Assistant

Radiologist (Radiological Technician)

Registered Nurse

Systems Analyst

Textile Machine Operator

Top Executive (General Manager & Top Executive)

Truck Mechanic

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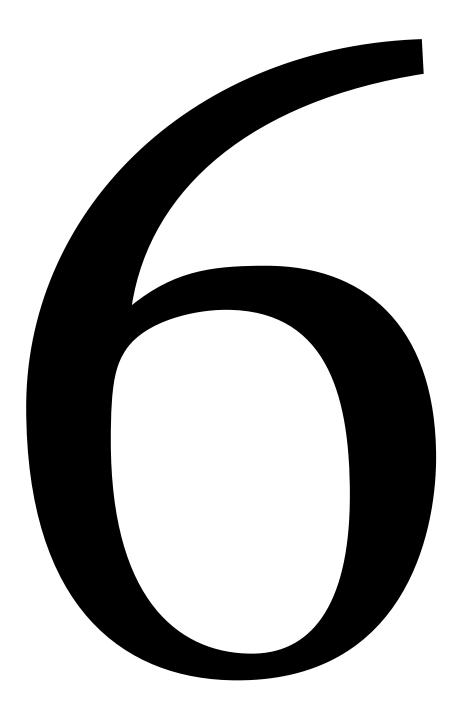












What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up (Brainstorming activity)

	Job Outlook					Basic Skills					Holland
Description	Emp. Grow.		Open. Wage		Education	R	L W	S	M	Sc	Code Interests
Accountants and Auditors (21114): Examine, analyze and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data.	4,018			ŭ	Bachelor; Military; NH License		××	_			C E I
Administrative Service Managers (13014): Plan, organize, direct, control, or coordinate the supportive services department of a business, agency, or organization.	1,982	12.6%	60	\$22.64	Bachelor plus experience; Military	×	×	×	×		ESR
Air Traffic Controllers (39002): Control air traffic on and within vicinity of airport and movement of air traffic between altitude sectors and control centers. Authorize and control commercial airline flights to insure flight safety.	1,083	7.9%	39	N/A	Long OJT; Military	×	××	×			SER
<i>Aircraft Mechanics</i> (85323): Repair and maintain the operating condition of aircraft assemblies, such as hydraulic and pneumatic systems, landing gear, propeller assemblies, fuel tanks, and airframe assemblies.	310	11.6%	10	\$15.94	Certificate; Military; Apprenticeship	×	ı		×		REI
<b>Bakers, Bread and Pastry</b> (65021): Mix and bake ingredients according to recipes to produce small quantities of breads, pastries, and other baked goods for consumption on premises or for sale as specialty baked goods.	1,003	19.4%	46	\$8.82	Moderate OJT; Military; Apprenticeship						RSA
<i>Biological Scientists</i> (24308): Research problems dealing with life processes. Include Biologists, Biochemists, Biophysicists, Pathologists, Bacteriologists, Toxicologists, and Zoologists.	240	33.8%	13	\$23.12	Doctorate	×	×	×	×	×	IRS
<i>Brickmasons</i> (87302): Lay building materials, such as brick, structural tile, concrete, cinder, glass, gypsum, and terra cotta block (except stone), to construct or repair walls, partitions, arches, sewers, and other structures.	271	21.0%	12	\$17.84	Long OJT; Military; Apprenticeship				×		REC
<b>Butchers and Meat Cutters</b> (65023): Cut, trim, and prepare carcasses and consumersized portions of meat for sale or for use in food service. Exclude workers in slaughtering, meat packing, or prepared-meat establishments.	757	-7.3%	18	\$11.70	Long OJT; Apprenticeship						RSE
<i>Cashiers</i> (49023): Receive and disburse money in establishments other than financial institutions. Usually involves use of adding machines, cash registers, or change makers. May also include processing credit card transactions.	14,900	19.3%	936	\$7.36	Short OJT		×	×	×		CSE

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Description	Emp.	Grow.	Open.	Wage	Education	R	L Ì	WS	M	Sc	Code Interests
Computer Support Specialists (25104): Provide technical assistance and training to computer system users. Investigate and resolve user software and hardware problems. Answer client inquiries in person and via telephone.	1,942	87.9%	183	\$19.15	Bachelor; Military	×	×	××	×	×	SCR
Cooks, Fast Food (65032): Prepare and cook food in a fast food restaurant with a limited menu. Duties are limited to preparation of a few basic items and normally involve operating large-volume single-purpose cooking equipment.	1,534	17.7%	67	\$6.68	Short OJT		×				RSE
<i>Cooks, Institution or Cafeteria</i> (65028): Prepare and cook family-style meals for institutions such as schools, hospitals, or cafeterias. Usually prepare meals in large quantities rather than to individual order.	1,300	3.0%	38	\$9.41	Long OJT; Military; Apprenticeship				×		RES
Cooks, Restaurant (65026): Prepare, season, and cook soups, meats, vegetables, desserts, and other foodstuffs in restaurants. May order supplies, keep records and accounts, price items on menu, or plan menu.	4,019	18.8%	180	\$9.11	Long OJT; Military; Apprenticeship						RSE
<i>Cooks, Short Order</i> (65035): Prepare and cook to order a variety of foods that require only a short preparation time. May take orders from customers and serve patrons at counters or tables.	968	18.3%	43	\$7.83	Short OJT		×				RSE
Database Administrators (25103): Coordinate physical changes to computer databases and code, test, and implement the database applying knowledge of database management systems. May design logical and physical databases.	296	72.6%	27	\$24.58	Bachelor; Military	×	×	××	×		IRS
<i>Dieticians and Nutritionists</i> (32521): Organize, plan, and conduct food service or nutritional programs to promote health and control disease. May administer activities of department providing quantity food service.	234	27.4%	11	\$17.54	Bachelor; Military	×	×	××	<b>×</b>	×	SIE
<i>Electricians</i> (87202): Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Insure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May read blueprints.	2,247	14.6%	79	\$15.35	Long OJT; Military; Apprenticeship; NH License	×			×	×	RES
<i>Electronic Pagination System Operators</i> (89707): Using a computer screen, call up type and art elements from computer memory and position them into a completed page. Transmit for production into film or directly into plates.	180	84.4%	18	\$13.56	Long OJT; Apprenticeship	×					CIR
Emergency Medical Technicians (32508): Administer first aid treatment and transport sick or injured persons to medical facility, working as a member of an emergency medical team.	507	25.6%	26	\$10.05	Certificate; Military; Apprenticeship; NH License	×	×	××			RIS

	Jo	b Outloo	k			Basic Skills						Holland
Description	Emp.	Grow.	Open.	Wage	Education	R	L	W	S	M	Sc	Code Interests
Engineering, Mathematics and Natural Science Managers (13017): Plan, organize, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as architecture, data processing, engineering, life sciences, physical sciences, and statistics.	1,852	42.2%	110	\$33.25	Bachelor plus experience; Military	×	×	×	×	×	×	IER **
General Managers and Top Executives (19005): Top and middle managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration.	16,094	16.8%	552	\$28.99	Bachelor plus experience; Military	×	×	×	×	×		ESR
<i>Geologists, Geophysicists and Oceanographers</i> (24111): Study composition, structure, and history of the earth's crust; aspects of the earth, such as atmosphere and hydrosphere; or physical aspects of oceans.	221	20.4%	11	\$23.27	Bachelor; Military	×	×	×	×	×	×	IRS
<i>Hairdressers and Cosmetologists</i> (68005): Provide beauty services to customers, such as suggesting hair styles, cutting and treating hair and scalp, applying make-up, dressing wigs, and electrolysis.	3,990	19.2%	180	\$8.69	Certificate; Apprenticeship; NH License	×	×		×			ESR
<i>Instructional Coordinators</i> (31517): Develop instructional material, coordinate educational content, and incorporate current technology, providing guidelines for developing curricula and conducting courses.	303	60.4%	21	\$18.19	Bachelor; Military	×	×	×	×			SEI † <b>İİ</b> İ
Laborers, Landscaping and Groundskeeping (79041): Landscape and/or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. May work in nursery facility or at customer location.	4,517	20.9%	230	\$9.34	Short OJT							RCE **
<i>Lawyers</i> (28108): Conduct criminal and civil lawsuits, draw up legal documents, advise clients of legal rights, and practice other phases of law. May represent client in court. May specialize in a single area of law.	2,565	7.0%	46	\$34.75	First Professional; Military; NH License	×	×	×	×			ESI
<b>Loan Officers and Counselors</b> (21108): Evaluate, authorize, or recommend approval of commercial, real estate, or credit loans. Advise borrowers on financial status and methods of payments.	903	15.8%	34	\$21.31	Bachelor	×	×	×	×	×		SCE
<i>Management Analysts</i> (21905): Review, analyze, and suggest improvements to business and organizational systems to assist management in operating more efficiently and effectively.	584	29.1%	22	\$21.86	Masters; Military	×	×	×	×	×		ESC
<b>Pharmacists</b> (32517): Compound and dispense medications following prescriptions issued by physicians, dentists, or other authorized medical practitioners.	816	9.8%	30	\$29.84	Bachelor; Military; NH License	×	×	×	×	×	×	ISE

	Jo	ob Outlo	ok			Basic Skills						Holland Code
Description	Emp.	Grow.	Open.	Wage	Education	R	L	W	S	M	Sc	
<b>Photographers</b> (34023): Photograph persons, subjects, merchandise, or other commercial products. May develop negatives and produce finished prints.	624	14.3%	18	\$12.44	Moderate OJT; Military; Apprenticeship							RIA
<b>Physician Assistants</b> (32511): Provide patient services under the supervision and responsibility of doctor of medicine or osteopathy. Take patient histories, conduct physical examinations, reach tentative diagnosis, and order tests.	217	59.9%	17	\$25.40	Bachelor; Military; NH License	×	×	×	×	×	×	ISA
<b>Physicians and Surgeons</b> (32102): Doctors of medicine who diagnose and treat mental or physical disorders. May specialize in one field such as surgery, obstetrics, or psychiatry.	3,143	33.2%	153	\$51.47	First Professional; Military; NH License	×	×	×	×	×	×	IRS
Radiologic Technologists (32919): Take X-rays and CAT scans or administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood stream for diagnostic purposes. May specialize in computed tomography, ultrasound, or magnetic resonance.	644	27.0%	26	\$16.13	Associate; Military	×	×		×	×		IRS
<b>Registered Nurses</b> (32502): Administer nursing care to ill or injured persons. Licensing or registration required. Include administrative, public health, industrial, private duty, and surgical nurses.	10,682	29.1%	486	\$18.19	Associate; Military; NH License	×	×	×	×		×	SIE É
Systems Analysts, Electronic Data Processing (25102): Analyze business, scientific, and technical problems for application to electronic data processing systems.	2,706	87.4%	253	\$25.31	Bachelor; Military	×	×	×	×	×	×	IRE
<i>Textile Machine Operators and Tenders, Winding, Twisting, Knitting, Weaving and Cutting</i> (92705): Operate or tend textile machines that perform such operations as winding, twisting, knitting, weaving, and cutting.	756	-32.5%	13	\$9.74	Moderate OJT; Apprenticeship							R C E
<i>Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor Trailer</i> (97102): Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 3 tons, to transport and deliver goods, livestock, or materials in liquid, loose or packaged form.	6,036	17.9%	195	\$13.70	Short OJT; Military	×		×		×		REI
<i>Truck Drivers, Light, Including Delivery</i> (97105): Drive a truck, van, or automobile with a capacity under 3 tons. May drive light truck to deliver or pick up merchandise. May load and unload truck.	5,878	21.4%	210	\$10.88	Short OJT; Military							R C E
<i>Writers and Editors</i> (34002): Writers originate and prepare written material such as scripts, stories, news items, advertisements, and other material. Editors coordinate, edit, and analyze prepared written material.	850	28.9%	47	\$17.32	Bachelor; Military	×	×	×	×			AES

#### Reasons for Having an Occupation

Use this activity to help individuals explore and learn about the reasons for having a particular occupation (reasons for working) (OTHER THAN THE PAYCHECK).

Outcomes: Participants will have a better knowledge and understanding of the many benefits associated with career choice.

Competency I, National Career Development Guidelines (NCDG): Understanding the influence of a positive self-concept by identifying and appreciating personal interests, abilities, and skills. New Hampshire Career Guidance & Counseling Program (NHCG&CP): Being able to identify and describe their strengths and abilities as they relate to other activities.

Competency II of National Career Development Guidelines: Skills to interact positively with others. NHCG&CP: Individuals will also be able to demonstrate confidence in their ability to express their opinions on topics they are knowledgeable in.

Competency IV, National Career Development Guidelines: demonstrating how to apply academic and vocational skills toward achieving personal goals. NHCG&CP: Define personal interests, aptitudes, and qualifications required for careers in which participants are interested.

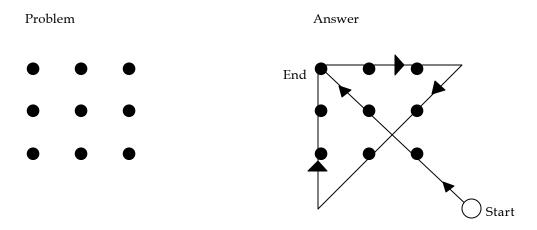
NCDG Competency VI: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information; NHCG&CP: Describe educational requirements of various occupations.

Preparation: Be sure each individual has their copy of Job Notes 2001 to refer to for ideas. They will also need it for the Prioritizing Your Goals checklist on page 10. You may also use the Prioritizing Your Goals master and copy enough for your group. You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to aid in a follow-up group discussion.

Prior to a large group discussion or breaking into teams for later team reporting and to stimulate thought and ideas for your discussion, have your group complete the Prioritize Your Goals checklist on page 10 of Job Notes. Point out to them that they must cross out EARNINGS before prioritizing. You may do this just prior to your discussion.

As an icebreaker and to stimulate brainstorming you may pre-assign the What Do You See article on page 5 or simply show an overhead/slide with the picture (see What Do You See overhead/slide master) and find out what they see. Briefly discuss.

Another way to spur "out-of-the-box" thinking in the teams is to ask them to do the Nine Dots exercise. Supply "teams" with a sheet of paper with the nine dots and ask them to complete as a group. Using a pencil, they must connect all nine dots using only four straight lines without ever lifting the pencil from the paper and without ever retracing any line.



# **Prioritize your goals**

The exercise below will help you discover some of what is most important to you in a career. Read the items that follow. Write a 1 next to the item that is most important to you. Next, write a 10 next to the one least important to you. Then rank the remaining.

EARNINGS - how much the career pays
SERVICE - how much you help others
PRESTIGE - how much people respect your work
GEOGRAPHY - how important it is to live in a particular place
INDEPENDENCE - how much you are your own boss
SECURITY - how much the career promises long-term, stable employment
RESPONSIBILITY - how much people depend on you
TEAMWORK - how much you will work as a member of a group
ENVIRONMENT - where most of the job will take place — outdoors, indoors or both
VARIETY - how much the job will have you doing different kinds of tasks
GRATIFICATION - how much satisfaction does your work give you
FLEXIBILITY - how strict are the job guidelines/rules
TRAVEL - how important is it to travel away from home
RELOCATION - what are the chances you'll have to move away from family/friends
PASSION – how much the work lights a fire of enthusiasm and excitement in you
EXPERIENCE - how much knowledge, training, and skill you get
LEARNING - how much investigation and research you do
SELF-DISCOVERY – what opportunities are presented
PREREQUISITE FOR ANOTHER JOB - how much the job prepares you for advancement

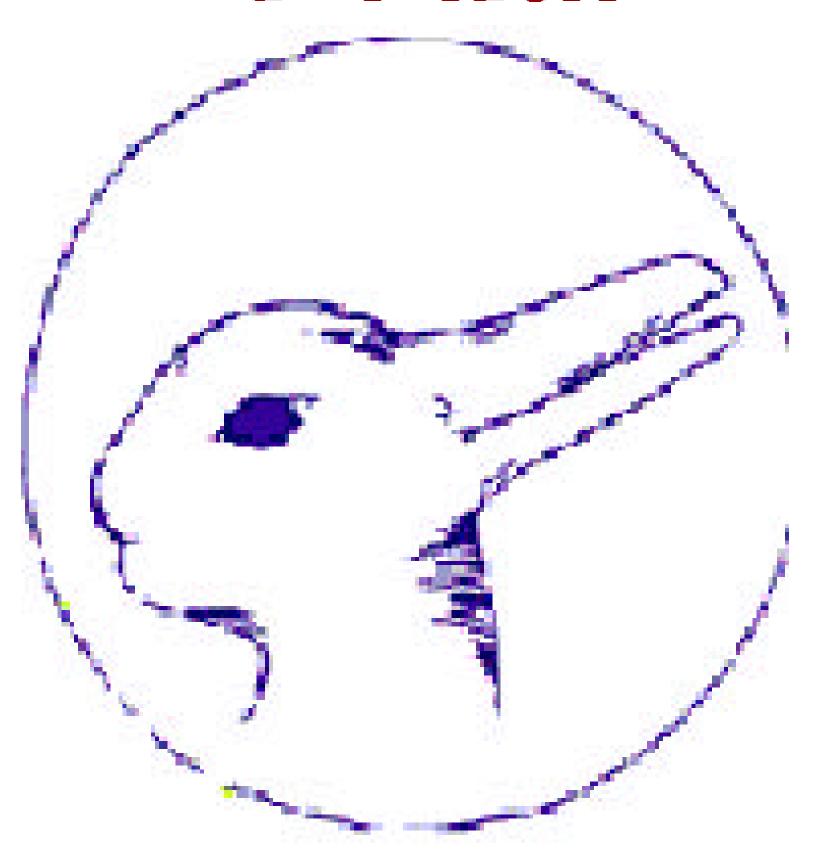
# 9 DOTS

Using a pencil, connect <u>all</u> nine dots using only four straight lines <u>without ever lifting the pencil</u> from the paper and <u>without ever retracing</u> any line.

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# What Do You See P



Reasons for Having an Occupation (For Team Activity)

Break the large group up into smaller teams and explain that each group will be responsible for brainstorming as many reasons for having an occupation as they can. Remember to point out that they cannot say earnings/paycheck/money, etc. Other than that they should be as open and creative as they can. Encourage participants to each use their passion as a guide.

If necessary, teams may use Job Notes as a source of information. They should not be limited to it. You should time the activity based on your own allotment of time. The team that presents the most reasons wins (you should try to provide some form of prize if possible).

They will need to make a brief report to the larger group of their findings. Each team should report its list with a little back up information provided for understanding. In other words, know the reasons they wrote the reason.

Debrief during and after team reporting

How did it go?
What did they discover/learn?
Why they've listed each one
What makes this important?
What job were they thinking of?
What surprises (if any) were there?
Why is it important to know these? Or isn't it?

#### What's of Interest to You?

Purpose: Use this activity to help participants better understand fields of work and the interests, skills, and qualities associated with each.

Outcomes: Participants will have a better understanding of the interests, skills, and qualities that frequently apply to a field of work.

Pre-work: Have your group read the Job Notes 2001 article on page 10, Discover Career That Fit You.

Preparation: Be sure to copy enough worksheets – What's of Interest to You? for each participant. You will also want to prepare overheads or slides using the overhead masters for Agriculture & Natural Resources, Business & administration, and Hospitality & Tourism – What's of Interest to You? If time allows, you could also cover some of the other fields of work as well. You could also pick a different set of overheads to use.

Distribute the worksheets to all participants and ask each individual to complete the worksheets according to their own interests, skills, and qualities. After completing the exercise, you should use the applicable overheads to reveal the fields of work that correspond to each interest checklist. Review some of the listed occupations.

A discussion about the importance of interests, skills, and qualities should follow. Understanding your own interests, skills, and qualities are important when choosing the appropriate career. Following your passion (corny though it sounds) is how to achieve work satisfaction. Refer to page 10 of *Job Notes 2001*, *Discover Careers That Fit You to begin a discussion about passion and having a career they really like*.

You should encourage each individual to build on this list. When seeking a career they should refer to this list to see if they have the interests, skills, and qualities suggested to satisfy the requirements of an occupation.

# What's of Interest to You? (Worksheet)

1)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:				
	meeting new people	sports and sporting events	being outdoors	co-ordinating events	
	educating people	physical fitness and activities	speaking to groups	entertaining people	
	challenges and adventure	helping people	answering questions	traveling	
ŀ	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would lik	ke to be able to do:		_	
	co-ordinate and organize events	develop marketing strategies	listen to understand		
	deal with customers, including difficult ones	analyze data	provide instructions		
	manage equipment and supplies lists	respond and adjust to feedback			
	apply knowledge of first aid and safety	assume leadership when appropr	iate		
	use computer software for schedules, records,				
ŀ	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:	3			
ľ	friendly and outgoing	a person with a sense of humor	courteous		
	a person with strength and stamina	adaptable to many situations	able to cope well with stress		
	conscientious	able to pay attention to detail	able to motivate self and others		
	positive attitude	determined	competitive		
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L	TOTAL CHECKMARKS				
2)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:				
	computer games	puzzles/challenges	reading technical reports and manuals		
	installing and fixing	graphics/animation	helping people with their computer prob	lems	
	troubleshooting	working with electronics	<del>_</del>		
	science	learning about new technologies			
ŀ	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like to be able to do:				
	interview to identify problems	apply mathematical principles	use computer software		
	apply scientific principles	manage projects	work independently		
	handle difficult situations	brainstorm to problem solve	conduct research		
	apply technical and electronic knowledge		<u> </u>		
ŀ	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:				
	trustworthy	flexible	able to take the initiative	patient	
	responsible	persistent	able to work to a deadline	observant	
	systematic	detail-oriented	able to concentrate in any environment	precise	
ŀ	TOTAL CLIFCWAMADKS				
L	TOTAL CHECKMARKS				
3)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:				
	building or construction things	inventing	working with your hands		
	methodical or careful work	designing and drawing	engineering and computers		
	disassembling and assembling things	machines			
İ	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like	ke to be able to do:			
	assess mechanical problems	use computerized settings on made	chines	fix machines	
	assess for quality in production	work individually or in a team		record data on quotas	
	read schematics and diagrams	apply knowledge of safety regula	tions		
	listen to follow instructions	monitor measurement instrument	z		
j	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:				
	a person with good hand-eye co-ordination	able to meet deadlines	punctual		
	a person who doesn't mind getting dirty	able to use good judgement	precise		
	able to concentrate even with distractions	able to do physical labor			
	detail-oriented	able to remain alert for repetitive	tasks or long shifts		
ŀ	TOTAL CHECKMARKS				

#### What's of Interest to You? (Worksheet) (continued)

4)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:					
	working outside		the environment		performing experiments	
	biology		plants and animals		working with your hands	
	examining things	Г	traveling			
	working with equipment and computers	Ē	chemistry			
ŀ	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like	e to	be able to do:			
	use computers	Г	apply mathematical knowledge		keep detailed records	
	investigate	Ē	collect and assess data		analyze	
	communicate (oral and written)		find solutions to problems			
	work independently or as a team member	Ē	apply knowledge of safety			
ŀ	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:					
Ī	inquisitive	Г	patient	Г	able to work long hours	
	precise		able to use good judgement		able to work under pressure	
	able to pay attention to detail		able to do hard, physical labor			
	able to see a job through to completion		conscientious			
-	<del>_</del>	_	_			
L	TOTAL CHECKMARKS					
5)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:					
	selling things		helping people find what they need		learning about new cultures	
	persuading people		meeting and greeting new people		providing good public service	
	negotiating		promoting products and services		explaining things	
	traveling		being creative in providing people with	wh	at they want	
j	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like	e to	be able to do:			
	listen to understand		prepare and submit invoices		give presentations and do demonstrations	
	write reports		find solutions to problems quickly		research new product/service information	
	set goals and priorities		use word processing programs		deal diplomatically with difficult people	
	negotiate		organize consumer databases		use electronic inventory programs	
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:					
	able to act in a confident manner		able to work well under pressure		persuasive	competitive
	able to be decisive and firm		a person with integrity		energetic	courteous
	observant of non-verbal cues		a good judge of character		honest	persistent
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS					
6)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:		7		<b>.</b>	
	working with your hands	L	learning new techniques	L	working outside or in workshops	
	working alone	L	routine activity		working with tools and machines	
	solving problems	L	building or constructing things			
	physics	<u>느</u>	fixing and repairing things			
	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like	e to	-		<b>.</b>	
	read blueprints and job specifications	F	think in three dimensions	L	use electric and hand tools	
	use computer-assisted design programs	L	measure and estimate	L	operate heavy equipment	
	apply knowledge of safety	L	prepare and submit invoices	L	follow instructions (verbal or written)	
	work independently	느	read equipment and regulations manu-			
	sketch plans and sloutions	<u>느</u>	apply technical and mechanical knowle	edge	•	
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:		7		7	
	a person with good hand-eye co-ordination	L	able to work long hours	L	reliable	
	able to keep cool in critical situations		adaptable to change	L	patient	
	able to do physical labor	L	consistent in quality of work	L	physically fit	
	accountable for your actions		able to notice detail			
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS					

# What's of Interest to You? (Worksheet) (continued)

7)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	new challenges	routine or repetitive work	money and banking	business
	persuading others	working with numbers	sales and marketing	
	interacting with people	new products and services	planning or conducting meetings	
ŀ	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like	e to be able to do:		
	use computers	make decisions	communicate (oral and written)	
	plan and organize	negotiate	deal with difficult people	
	use numbers	manage projects	conduct marketing research	
	analyze	use logical thinking skills	compile and assess data	
ŀ	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
	competitive	confident	able to use good judgement	honest
	able to act professionally	self-disciplined	adaptable to change	tactful
	efficient and accurate	able to meet deadlines	<u> </u>	
ŀ	TOTAL CLIECVANADVS			
_	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
8)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	current events	music	promoting ideas or artforms	
	arts and crafts	entertaining/performing	variety/the unpredictable	
	different cultures	writing/telling stories	communicating experiences to others	
	promoting yourself	interacting with people	working with video and audio equipment	
Ī	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like	e to be able to do:		
	handle constructive criticism	think creatively	think critically	
	respect others' likes and dislikes	depict ideas	think visually and in three dimensions	
	organize - set goals and priorities	express yourself well		
	memorize large amounts of material	work independently or as a memb	per of a team	
İ	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
	dramatic	able to think on your feet	a person with a flair for design	
	enthusiastic	able to meet deadlines	able to cope with pressure	
	confident	able to notice detail	able to work long, irregular hours	
	self-disciplined	self-motivated	a person with broad general knowledge	
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
ا د				
9)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	working with technical equipment	interacting with people	research	
	investigating the numan body	working in a laboratory	healthy living	
	reading about health issues	helping people	science	
ı	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would like			
	analyze problems and find solutions	reassure people	deal with difficult or delicate situations	
	use medical/technical equipment	apply knowledge of first aid	act quickly and accurately in emergencies	
	organize - set goals and priorities	use laboratory equipment	use health-care related software programs	
	gather and assess patient data	apply knowledge of ethics	communicate accurately (oral, written, rea	nding
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
	caring/compassionate	able to use good judgement	accountable for your actions	
	sensitive to other cultures	precise	able to remain calm under pressure	
	decisive	willing to keep learning about new	w things	
ſ	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

# Hospitality and Tourism (1)

1)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	meeting new people	sports and sporting events	<b>Ö</b> being outdoors	co-ordinating events
	educating people	physical fitness and activities	speaking to groups	entertaining people
	challenges and adventure	helping people	answering questions	traveling
ı	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would	l like to be able to do:		
	co-ordinate and organize events	develop marketing strategies	listen to understand	
	deal with customers, including difficult ones	analyze data	provide instructions	
	manage equipment and supplies lists	respond and adjust to feedback	<b>9</b> -	
	apply knowledge of first aid and safety	assume leadership when approp	oriate	
	use computer software for schedules, records	_		
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:	,, a.i.a. 2g		
	••	<b>Ö</b>		
	friendly and outgoing	a person with a sense of humor	courteous	
	a person with strength and stamina	adaptable to many situations	able to cope well with stress	
	conscientious	able to pay attention to detail	able to motivate self and others	
	positive attitude	determined	competitive	
ı	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
Ī				
	If you have a lot of check marks above, you may v	vant to explore some of the occupation	ons below:	
ı	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Job Note	es or OES)	Check careers to explore further:	OES#
ſ	Bartender	·	·	65005
Ī	Amusement Park Attendant (Amusement and	Recreation Attendant)		68014
Ī	Baker (Bread and Pastry)			65021
	Butcher (and Meatcutter)			65023
Ī	Hairdresser (Hairdresser and Cosmetologist)			68005
	Dry Cleaner (Laundry and)			92726
	Restaurant Manager (Food Service and Lodgi	ng Manager)		15026
L	Waiter/Waitress			65008
	Front Desk Agent (Hotel Desk Clerk)			53808
	Hockey Player			34058
L	Hotel Maitre'd			65002
	Outdoor Guide (Guide)			68017
	Special Events Coordinator (Recreation Works	er)		27311
	Taxi Driver (and Chauffeur)		·	97114
	Chef (Cook, Restaurant)			65026
	Cook (Fast Food)	·		65032

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

# Information Technology (2)

2)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
ĺ	Computer games	<b>p</b> uzzles/challenges	reading technical reports and ma	nuals
	installing and fixing	graphics/animation	helping people with their compu	
		<b>T</b>	Treiping people with their compa	ici problems
	troubleshooting	working with electronics		
	science	learning about new technologi	es	
j	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and	d would like to be able to do:		
	interview to identify problems	apply mathematical principles	use computer software	
	apply scientific principles	manage projects	work independently	
	handle difficult situations	brainstorm to problem solve	conduct research	
	apply technical and electronic knowle	dge		
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
	trustworthy	<b>Ö</b> nflexible	able to take the initiative	<b>Ö</b> patient
	responsible	persistent	able to work to a deadline	observant
	systematic	detail-oriented	able to concentrate	precise
	10		in any environment	
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
	If you have a lot of check marks above, you	L may want to explore some of the oc	cupations below:	
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	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J		cupations below:  Check careers to explore further:	OES#
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller		·	39002
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator		·	39002 25103
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist	ob Notes or OES)	·	39002 25103 25104
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist Computer Operator (except periphera	ob Notes or OES)	·	39002 25103
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist Computer Operator (except periphera Computer Programmer	ob Notes or OES)	·	39002 25103 25104 56011 25105
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist Computer Operator (except periphera	ob Notes or OES)	·	39002 25103 25104 56011 25105 85705
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist Computer Operator (except periphera Computer Programmer Data Processing Equipment Repairer	ob Notes or OES)	Check careers to explore further:	39002 25103 25104 56011 25105
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist Computer Operator (except periphera Computer Programmer Data Processing Equipment Repairer	ob Notes or OES)  il equipment)	Check careers to explore further:	39002 25103 25104 56011 25105 85705
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Air Traffic Controller Data Base Administrator Computer Support Specialist Computer Operator (except periphera Computer Programmer Data Processing Equipment Repairer Multimedia Producer (Systems Analyst Technical Writer	ob Notes or OES)  il equipment)	Check careers to explore further:	39002 25103 25104 56011 25105 85705 25102, 25199, 22127
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

#### Manufacturing (3)

3)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	building or construction things	inventing	working with your hands	
	methodical or careful work	designing and drawing	engineering and computers	
	disassembling and assembling things			
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	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and would l	_		
	assess mechanical problems	use computerized settings on m	nachinesfix	machines
	$oldsymbol{igcap}$ assess for quality in production	work individually or in a team	rec	cord data on quotas
	read schematics and diagrams	apply knowledge of safety regu	ulations	
	listen to follow instructions	monitor measurement instrume	ents	
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
	a person with good hand-eye co-ordination	able to meet deadlines	<b>Ö</b> pu	ınctual
	a person who doesn't mind getting dirty	able to use good judgement	pre	ecise
	able to concentrate even with distractions	able to do physical labor		
	detail-oriented	able to remain alert for repetitiv	e tasks or long shifts	
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS 1			
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	If you have a lot of check marks above, you may wa	ant to explore some of the occupation	ns below:	
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Job Note:	s or OESI	Check careers to explore fu	OES#
	Combination Machine Tool Operator (and T		Check careers to explore it	91508
	Cutter or Trimmer	,		93926
	Electrical Equipment Assembler			93114
	Foundry Worker (Foundry Mold Assembly and	Shakeout Worker)		91914
	Grinder or Polisher	·		93953
	Machine Forming Operator (and Tenders, M	Metal/Plastic)		91321
	Machinist			89108
	Machinery Maintenance Worker			85128
	Quality Control Inspector (Precision Inspector,	Tester and Grader)		83002
	Sawmill Machine Operator (and Tenders)			92308
	Solderer (and Brazers)			93917
	Production Supervisor or Manager (Supervisor	's and)		81008
	Tool Designer (Tool and Die Maker)			89102
	Woodworker (Machine Operator and)			92314

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

# Agriculture & Natural Resources (4)

F)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	<b>n</b> working outside	the environment	performing experiments	
	biology	plants and animals	working with your hands	
	examining things	traveling	<u>u</u>	
	<del></del>	<u>♥</u>		
	working with equipment & computers	chemistry		
	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and	would like to be able to do:		
	use computers	apply mathematical knowledge	keep detailed records	
	investigate	Collect and assess data	<b>n</b> analyze	
	communicate (oral and written)	find solutions to problems	<del>Q.</del>	
	work independently or in a team	apply knowledge of safety		
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	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:	<u></u>	**	
	inquisitive	patient	able to work long hours	
	precise	$oldsymbol{ ilde{\Omega}}$ able to use good judgement	able to work under pressure	
	able to pay attention to detail	able to do hard, physical labor	_	
	able to see a job to completion	conscientious		
	<u> </u>	Conscientious		
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS 26			
	If you have a lot of check marks above, you	may want to evalore some of the occ	supations below:	
	ii you have a lot of check marks above, you	may want to explore some of the occ	Lupations below.	
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Jo	b Notes or OES)	Check careers to explore further:	OES#
	Animal Caretaker			79017
	Aqriculture Technician			24502
	Conservation Worker			79002
	Farmhand/Ranchhand			79858
	Fish & Game Warden			63041
	Forester			24302
	Horticulturist (Agricultural & Food Scien	tist)		24305
	Landscaper			79041
	Lawn Service Manager			15032
	Logging Tractor Operator			73011
	Nursery and Greenhouse Manager			15031
	Pest Controller			67008
	Veterinarian			32114
	Water Treatment Plant Operator (Separ	ating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitatin	ia. and Still)	92962

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

#### Retail/Wholesale Sales & Services (5)

5)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	selling things	helping people find what they need	learning about new cultures	
	persuading people	meeting and greeting new people	providing good public service	
	negotiating	promoting products and services	explaining things	
	traveling	being creative in providing people wi	th what they want	
	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and	would like to be able to do:		
	isten to understand	prepare and submit invoices	give presentations and do demons	trations
	write reports	find solutions to problems quickly	research new product/service infor	
	set goals and priorities	use word processing programs	deal diplomatically with difficult ped	
	negotiate	organize consumer databases	use electronic inventory programs	
	OUALITIES: Check below if you are:	_		
	able to act in a confident manner	able to work well under pressure	persuasive	competitive
	<del></del>	<b>X</b>	<u>—</u>	
	$oldsymbol{ ilde{0}}$ able to be decisive and firm	a person with integrity	energetic •••	courteous
	observant of non-verbal cues	a good judge of character	<b>O</b> honest	persistent
ı	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
	15			
	If you have a lot of check marks above, you	may want to explore some of the occupati	ons below:	
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Jo	b Notes or OFS)	Check careers to explore further:	OES #
ı	Marketing Manager (Marketing, Adverti	,		13011
İ	Advertising Agent (Sales)			43023
İ	Real Estate Agent (Sales)			43008
	Investment Broker (Sales Agents, Securit	ties, Commodities, and Financial Services)		43014
Ī	Insurange Agent (Sales)			43002
Ì	Parts Clerk (Salespersons)			49014
Ī	Retail Salesperson (Salesperson)			49011
İ	Service Station Attendant			97805
	Sales Supervisor/Manager (Supervisors a	and)		41002
	Travel Agent	·		43021

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

#### Architecture & Construction (6)

6)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
	working with your hands	learning new techniques	working outside or in workshops	
	working alone	routine activity	working with tools and machines	
	solving problems	building or constructing things	_	
	physics	fixing and repairing things		
	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and wo	_ , , , ,		
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	read blueprints and job specifications	think in three dimensions	<b>U</b> use electric and hand tools	
	use computer-assisted design programs	measure and estimate	operate heavy equipment	
	apply knowledge of safety	prepare and submit invoices	follow instructions (verbal or written)	
	work independently	read equipment and regulation	s manuals	
	sketch plans and sloutions	apply technical and mechanical	knowledge	
	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
	a person with good hand-eye co-ordination	or able to work long hours	() reliable	
	able to keep cool in critical situations	adaptable to change	patient	
	able to do physical labor	consistent in quality of work	physically fit	
	accountable for your actions	able to notice detail	<b>G</b> . 3	
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
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	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Job N Autobody Repair Technician (Automotive		Check careers to explore further:	OES # 85305
	Automotive Service Technician (Automotive			85302
	Boiler Operator (Stationary Engineer)	re Meerici iles		95032
	Crane (& Tower) Operator			97944
	Brickmason			87302
	Electrician			87202
	Fence Erector			87817
	Carpenter's Helper (Helpers, Carpenters a	nd Related Workers)		98312
	Plumber's Helper (Helpers, Plumbers and	Pipefitters)		98315
	Highway Maintenance Worker	•		87711
	Ironworker (Punching Machine Setter and	Set-Up Operator, Metal & Plastic)		91302
	Painter/Paperhanger			87402
	Paving, Surfacing and Tamping Equipmer	nt Operator		87708
	Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle Repaire	r)		85308
	Plumber (Plumber, Pipefitter, or Steamfitte			87502
	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic		Refrigeration Mechanic)	85902
	Roofer	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		87808
	Sheet Metal Worker			89132
	Construction Trades Supervisor/Manager			81005

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

#### Business & Administration (7)

7)	INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
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	new challenges	routine or repetitive work	money and banking	business
	persuading others	working with numbers	sales and marketing	
	interacting with people	new products and services	planning or conducting meetings	
	SKILLS: Check the things you can do and	would like to be able to do:		
	<b>Ö</b> use computers	make decisions	communicate (oral and written)	
	nplan and organize	negotiate	deal with difficult people	
	use numbers	manage projects	conduct marketing research	
	analyze	use logical thinking skills	compile and assess data	
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	QUALITIES: Check below if you are:		••	ä
	competitive	confident	able to use good judgement	honest
	able to act professionally	self-disciplined	adaptable to change	<b>1</b> tactful
	efficient and accurate	able to meet deadlines	•	
	TOTAL CHECKMARKS 31			
	TOTAL CHECKIVIARKS			
	If you have a lot of check marks above, you may war	nt to explore some of the occupations b	pelow:	
	OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Job Notes	or OFSI	Check careers to explore further:	OES#
	911 Dispatcher (Dispatcher, Police, Fire		eneck careers to explore factorer.	58002
	Adjustment Clerk	,		53123
	Administrative Service Manager			13014
	Bank Teller (Teller)			53102
	Bill Collector (Bill and Account Collector	.)		53508
	Bookkeeper (Bookkeeping, Accounting	, and Audit Clerk)		55338
	Broker Assistant (Brokerage Clerk)	<u> </u>		53128
	Cashier			49023
	Court Reporter (Stenographer and)			55302
	Data Entry Operator (Data Entry Keyer,	except composing)		56017
	Insurance Underwriter			21102
	Legal Secretary			55102
	Loan/Credit Processor (Loan and Credit	t Clerk)		53121
	Management Analyst	·		21905
	Office Clerk (General)			55347
	Receptionist			55305
	Shipper/Receiver			58028
	Tax Preparer			21111
	Word Processor (Typist)			55307

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

# Arts, A / V Technology, & Communications (8)

8) INTERESTS: Check the things you like:			
current events	music	promoting ideas or artforms	
arts and crafts	entertaining/performing	nariety/the unpredictable	
different cultures	writing/telling stories	communicating experiences to others	
promoting yourself	interacting with people	working with video and audio equipment	
SKILLS: Check the things you can do and	d would like to be able to do:		
handle constructive criticism	think creatively	think critically	
respect others' likes and dislikes	depict ideas	think visually and in three dimensions	
organize - set goals and priorities	express yourself well	<b>_</b>	
memorize large amounts of material	work independently or as a n	nember of a team	
QUALITIES: Check below if you are:			
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dramatic	able to think on your feet	a person with a flair for design	
enthusiastic	able to meet deadlines	able to cope with pressure	
confident	able to notice detail	able to work long, irregular hours	
self-disciplined	self-motivated	a person with broad general knowledge	
TOTAL CHECKMARKS			
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If you have a lot of check marks above, you	u may want to explore some of the	occupations below:	
OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in J	lab Nates or OFS)	Check careers to explore further:	OES #
Actor	05 110(2) 01 023/	check careers to explore farther.	34056
Announcer/Broadcaster			34017
Artist			34035
Desktop Publisher (Electronic Paginati	on System Operator)		89707
Interior Designer			34041
Jeweler/Silversmith			89123
Musician			34051
Photographer			34023
Printing Press (Machine) Operator (an		<u> </u>	92543
Public Relations Specialist/Publicity Wr	iter		34008
Reporter/Correspondent			34011
Telephone/Cable TV line Installer			85702
\X/riter	<u> </u>	·	34002

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

These are some of the interests, skills, and qualities that often apply to occupations in:

#### Health Science (9)

INTERESTS: Check the things you like:		
working with technical equipment	interacting with people	research
investigating the numan body	working in a laboratory	healthy living
reading about health issues	helping people	science
SKILLS: Check the things you can do and	would like to be able to do:	
analyze problems and find solutions	reassure people	deal with difficult or delicate situations
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use medical/technical equipment	apply knowledge of first aid	act quickly and accurately in emergencies
organize - set goals and priorities	use laboratory equipment	use health-care related software programs
gather and assess patient data	apply knowledge of ethics	communicate accurately (oral, written, reading
QUALITIES: Check below if you are:		
caring/compassionate	able to use good judgement	accountable for your actions
sensitive to other cultures	precise	able to remain calm under pressure
decisive	willing to keep learning about	new things
TOTAL CHECKMARKS		-
If you have a lot of check marks above, you	ı may want to explore some of the o	ccupations below:
OCCUPATION TITLE (As it appears in Jo	ob Notes or OFSI	Check careers to explore further: OES #
Cardiology Technologist	52 1.61(2) 51 6.25	32925
Chiropractor		32113
Dental Hygienist		32908
Dentist		32105
Dietician (and Nutritionists)		32521
Home Health Aide/Home Support Wo	rker	66011
LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse)		32505
Medical (or Clinical) Lab Technologist		32902
Health Service Manager (Medicine and	d)	15008
Occupational Therapist		32305
Nurses Aide (Orderlies and Attendar	,	66008
Optician (Dispensing and Measuring	g)	32514
Physical Therapist		32308
Physicians Assistant		32511
Physician (and Surgeons)		32102
EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)		32508
Pharmacy Technician		32518
Pharmacist		32517
Surgical Technician		
		32928
Recreational Therapist		32928 32317

Use this activity to help individuals explore and learn about their preferred learning styles.

Outcomes: Participants will have a better knowledge and understanding of the variety of learning styles and how these relate to their own ability to learn as well as approaches for improving on them.

Competency I, National Career Development Guidelines (NCDG): Understanding the influence of a positive self-concept by identifying and appreciating personal interests, abilities, and skills. New Hampshire Career Guidance & Counseling Program (NHCG&CP): Being able to identify and describe their strengths and abilities as they relate to other activities. Competency II of National Career Development Guidelines: Skills to interact positively with others. NHCG&CP: Individuals will also be able to demonstrate confidence in their ability to express their opinions on topics they are knowledgeable in.

Competency IV, National Career Development Guidelines: demonstrating how to apply academic and vocational skills toward achieving personal goals. NHCG&CP: Define personal interests, aptitudes, and qualifications required for careers in which participants are interested.

NCDG Competency VI: Skills to locate, evaluate, and interpret career information; NHCG&CP: Describe educational requirements of various occupations.

Preparation: Be sure each individual has their copy of Job Notes 2001, page 28 or, using the master, copy enough for your group. You may also want to prepare overheads or slides to aid in a follow-up group discussion.

Pre-work: Have your group read from the following articles in Job Notes 2001 (Be sure you select one not yet assigned.)

Your Future Has Begin Page 3
What Should I Do Page 4
What Do You See Page 5
What Makes You Tick? Page 10

Prior to having participants complete the worksheet, have a brief discussion about learning styles and the article you assigned. Explain that knowing one's learning styles can help ease their ability to learn and work more efficiently. It also provides the opportunity to explore other learning styles. It is important to note that these will be their "preferred" learning styles. Nothing is absolute and they will likely use all styles at one point or another. There are also NO right or wrong styles, just preferences. It's just that we all generally become more comfortable with a certain few styles. As with skills, knowing our learning styles will put us in a much better place for understanding where we're coming from.

At this point, it might aid the participant's understanding to briefly talk about one of your learning styles.

Hand out the worksheet or have participants open Job Notes 2001 to page 28 and have each person complete the worksheet explaining that the list contains seven different forms of learning. Again, none is more correct than another. Each has several statements below it requiring participants to circle either Y for yes or N for no. Be sure to point out there is NOT a D for depends. They must choose either Y or N signifying which is most often most accurate. This is why they are preferences and not absolutes. Ask them to read each statement carefully and circle Y or N.

This is not a test and they will not be graded so if anyone gets stuck on a word or phrase they should ask for clarification. Once completed, it will provide them with valuable information for making more informed decisions and choices in the journey toward developing their career.

After an appropriate amount of time given for the size of group, have them count up the number of "Yes" responses within each style and note the number on the Total line to the right. Next they should note the three highest numbers and circle that style section heading. These are their "Preferred Learning Styles".

Debrief activity with a group discussion.

Who's preferred learning style is \_\_\_\_\_\_? (should ask of several styles to elicit responses from all)

How did it go?

What did they discover/learn?

What examples can they give to back up their preference?

What surprises (if any) were there?

Why is it important to know these? Or isn't it? Why not?

If possible and time permitting, try to work into your de-brief some actual examples of past activities/assignments that highlight specific learning styles.

Circle the  $\mathbf{Y}$  (yes) or the  $\mathbf{N}$  (no) beside each of the following statements. After each section total your "yes" responses. The section(s) with the most yes answers will indicate your preferred learning style. **Verbal/Linguistic** Y N Books are easy to learn from. Y N I learn a lot listening to instructors. Total "yes" Y N I really enjoy explaining, teaching, and learning. answers:\_\_\_ Y N I find it easy and fun to learn a new language. Y N I have a good memory for the things I learn. Logical/Mathematical Y N I am good at solving problems with abstract symbols. I enjoy working with numbers and making calculations. Total "yes" Y N I find it easy to deduce conclusions based on available information. answers: Y N I remember information best when it is numbered and in logical order. Y N I can easily apply new information to existing formulas. Visual/Spatial Y N Diagrams and drawings help me understand new concepts. Y N Give me a map and I can find my way anywhere. Total "yes" Y N I'd rather watch an expert first, then try a new skill. answers: I can decipher information first when it is charted in a graph or chart. Y N Y N I prefer to explain my ideas by drawing pictures. **Kinesthetic (Hands-on)** Y N I learn by doing. Y N The classes I am best at in school involve physical movement. Total "yes" Y N I often learn well by imitating others. answers:\_\_\_\_ Y N I prefer to explain my ideas by acting them out in role play type activity. Y N I enjoy challenging myself by doing physical activities. **Musical** Y N I can learn information easily when I put it to music. Y N I can't concentrate on work unless there is background music playing. Total "yes" Y N I find it easy to recognize rhythms in the sounds I hear. answers: Y N I always remember songs I hear on the radio. Y N I can easily reproduce sounds and music I hear. Interpersonal Y N I learn a lot from discussions. Total "yes" Y N I work more efficiently when in a group. Y N I am perceptive of peoples thoughts, desires, and intentions. answers: I learn about others by viewing things from their perspective. Y N Y N I can more easily get information from other people than from books. Intrapersonal Y N I learn by reflecting quietly upon my thoughts. Y N I remember information more easily when I can relate it to my own experiences. Y N I succeed most often when I rely on my intuition. Total "yes" Y N It's easier for me to talk about my personal feelings rather than discuss answers:\_\_\_\_ abstract concepts.

**How Do I Learn?** Knowing your learning style will help you work more efficiently and with greater ease.

**Okay, you're done, now what? L**ook at the three sections where you have the most number of "yes" responses. Circle these section's headings. These sections indicate your preferred learning styles.

Y N I enjoy spending time by myself contemplating different ideas.

Keep in mind these are only your preferred learning styles, not your "only" learning styles. Nothing is absolute so you won't necessarily use these styles in every situation. It is possible you may use any of the styles at some point or another.

#### SELF-ASSESSMENT TIPS

When you are just starting the process of exploring careers, this is a great place to begin. Your guidance counselor probably has at least one type of self-assessment that you could complete. Go for it! It will help you get a better idea of yourself.

- 1. Assessments are not designed to tell you what to be. They just help you think about who you are.
- 2. Several factors can affect how you respond on an assessment. Maybe you were in a bad mood when you took it, or you may be heavily involved in one particular academic course and the answers reflect that. If the answers seem just too far off, maybe you should take it again another day.
- 3. Most assessments will suggest a short list of potential careers. *Don't get boxed in to these choices.* These careers are only suggested because you share some of the characteristics of people in these jobs.
- 4. The list is short. Use it as a springboard, a place to begin.
- 5. It is important to take the time to research careers after you have done a self-assessment. Keep track of what appeals to you and what doesn't. Remember your values and interests.
- 6. Most people could use some help in processing the information so go see your guidance counselor to talk about your assessment.